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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner:)
ARLEN SODERQUIST)
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In re Application of:) SPECIATED ISOTOPE DILUTION
HOWARD M. KINGSTON) MASS SPECTROMETRY OF REACTIVE
) SPECIES AND RELATED METHODS
Application No. 09/015,469)
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Group Art Unit: 1743)
)
Filed: January 29, 1998) Attorney Docket No. 291251-00002

AMENDMENT

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC
600 Grant Street, 44th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2788
December 29, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A request for a three month extension of time making the response due December 29, 2003 is enclosed.